

LOWTHERSTOWN UNION.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 17 February 1848;—for,

COPIES " of any REPORTS from Mr. *Barron* to the POOR LAW COMMISSIONERS,
and of all CORRESPONDENCE, relative to the Dismissal of the late Board of
Guardians of the *Lowtherstown* Union."

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
23 March 1848.

W. STANLEY,
Secretary.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 27 March 1848.

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(No. 13576, D/47.)

LETTER from the Poor Law Commissioners to the Clerk of the Union.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
23 June 1847.

Sir,

THE Poor Law Commissioners observe, by a return furnished by you on the 5th instant, that rates were struck by the Guardians of the *Lowtherstown* Union on the several dates mentioned in the return to meet the sums required for the purposes of the Temporary Relief Act, as shown in column 2, being 3,378 L., conjointly with a sum corresponding with the rate last made for the ordinary expenditure of the Union, which appears to have amounted to 1,410l.

It appears, however, by your letter of the 5th instant, that the Guardians on the 12th May resolved, in reference to the Commissioners' letter of the 1st May, that the rates previously resolved upon, as shown in column 4 of your return, should be exclusively applied to the purposes of the Temporary Relief Act, and that another rate should be immediately made for the ordinary purposes of the Union.

In reference to the above statement, I am directed to acquaint the Guardians that they appear to have misapprehended the meaning of the Commissioners' circular of the 1st May.

In the first place, that circular only referred to the Unions in which the Guardians were not prepared with estimates for rates for the ordinary purposes of the Union; whereas the Guardians of the *Lowtherstown* Union appear to have been duly prepared with such estimates.

In the next place, that circular did not in any way affect or modify the Commissioners' circular, of the 23d April, respecting the illegality of concurrent rates.

As it appears that the rate-books are not yet prepared, the Commissioners request that the Guardians will, in making the rate, include therein such an amount of poundage as is necessary to provide for the ordinary expenditure, it being understood by the Commissioners that the entire amount of rate which the Guardians resolved to make on the 12th instant will be required exclusively for the repayment of the advances made under the Temporary Relief Act.

I have, &c.

B. Banks, for Chief Clerk.